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SUBJ: VISIT OF OFFSHORE OIL INSTALLATION PORTECTION TEAM

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1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL REQUESTED ON OFFSHORE OIL
INSTALLATION TEAM:

2. LASSE AASLAND 50, IS DIVISION DIRECTOR IN THE NORWEGIAN
AGENCY OFR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NORAD) AND IS CHAIRMAN OF
THE NORWEGIAN COMMITTEE TO ASSESS THE EMRGING MEASURES TO BE
IMPLEMENTED ON THE NORWEGIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF TO PROTECT OFF-
SHORE INSTALLATION. HE WAS UNDER SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE FROM NOVEMBER 1974 TO JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. HE HAS SPENT
MUCH OF HIS CAREER IN NORAD AND HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED FROM
1973 TO 1975 AS NORAD DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

3. EDUCATED AS A LAWYER, AASLAND JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE AND WAS
FIRST EMPLOYED IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS (1952-54) AND THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (1954-56). HE THEN MOVED TO THE OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER (1956-62) AND WORKED IN THE WAGE AND PRICE
ADMINISTRATION (1962-63). FROM 1963 UNTIL HIS PRESENT
APPOINTMENT, AASLAND WORKED IN NORAD EXCEPT FOR A BRIEF
PERIOD AS SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(1971-72). WHILE AT NORAD, HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE NOR-

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WEGIAN PEEACE CORPS(1963-68), AS RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN UGANDA

(1968-71) AND AS DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL OFFICE (1972-73).

AASLAND TOOK A 2-YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT
RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN
PAKISTAN (1966-68). HE VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN 1963. TO
ATTEND THE WASHINGTON WORKSHOP OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE
CORPS SECRETARIAT AND LATER LAST YEAR YEAR AS UNDER SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE. AASLAND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE LABOR
PARTY SINCE HIS UNIVERSITY DAYS. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO SONS.
HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE OTHER TWO
MEMBERS OF TEAM AND NEITHER HAS BEEN AVAILABLE IN OSLO
THIS WEEK. THOR GUNDERSEN, 49, IS AN OFFICE DIRECTOR IN THE
SECRETARIAT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, WHILE THORN GEIR
BORGES, 36, 8 - LAWYER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. BOTH
COME FROM SOUTHERN NORWAY AND SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH.
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